

KSU Commencement Honors Graduates

Patrick Beauchamp, Joyce Payne, Wendell Thomas

Three people will don a cap and gown, and head across the stage May 12 to accept their honorary degree as part of Kentucky State University's Commencement Ceremony.

Kentucky State University will award Patrick Beauchamp, Dr. N. Joyce Payne, and **Wendell Thomas** a doctorate of humane letters at the 118th annual commencement, scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, May 12, in the Frankfort Convention Center, 405 Mero St., Frankfort.

The third honorary degree designee is 1969 alum and KSU friend Wendell Thomas. Thomas demonstrated his commitment to education by serving on the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, including serving as vice chair of the council. He is also a member and past chairman of the Committee on Equal Opportunity in Higher Education. He has received many awards for his service to the community, his alma mater and to education, including the KSU National Alumni Association Special Recognition Award, the KSU Distinguished Alumni Award, and the Kentucky Association of Blacks in Higher Education President's Award.

The honorary degree recipients are chosen by the campus community to recognize individuals who by their professional achievements, research, or service have made significant contributions to Kentucky State University, higher education or to the world community of scholars.